

Jail Tablet Hearings (JTHs) At a Glance

Jail Tablet Hearings (JTHs) allow in-custody defendants who are housed in Maricopa County jail facilities to attend hearings via interactive audiovisual system when they are on MCSO's Do Not Transport (DNT) list. The in-custody defendant will be in a quiet, private location in their assigned pod/unit with access to an iPad with a videoconferencing app, headphones, and a separate telephone to have a privileged conversation with their defense lawyer.

Eligibility

- **Eligible Locations:** All jail facilities (Estrella, Saguardo, Lower Buckeye, 4TH Ave, Towers, and MHU) are able to hold JTHs.
- **Eligible Defendants:** JTHs are intended to be used for in-custody defendants who are on MCSO's Do Not Transport (DNT) list and in-custody self-represented litigants who need to attend Assignment Calendar to be placed for trial.
- **Eligible Hearing Types:** JTHs can be set for all hearing types with the exception of sentencings.
- "Plea on Demand" or ready *Change of Plea* matters can be scheduled by emailing Settlement@jbazmc.maricopa.gov. The scheduling requests must include a PDF of the signed plea agreement (signed by all parties) as an attachment.

Logistics

- **JTH Requests:** Criminal Court Administration's JTH Group coordinates scheduling of JTHs. A judicial officer may set a JTH on motion of a party or on the Court's own motion. Other than Plea on Demand requests, all JTH requests must be made by a judicial officer's staff to the JTH Group, and it must be at least 48 hours in advance of the desired hearing date.
- **JTH Scheduling:** JTHs are placed based on available space and length of hearing:
 - **Estrella:** 8:30am – Noon, 1:30pm-4pm (30 minutes between hearings)
 - **LBJ:** 9am, 11am, 1:30pm, 3pm (30 minutes between hearings)
 - **Towers:** 8:30am – Noon, 1:30pm-2pm, 3pm-4:30pm (30 minutes between hearings)
 - **Saguardo:** 8:30am – Noon, 1:30pm-2pm, 3pm-4:30pm (30 minutes between hearings)
 - **4th Ave:** 8:30am, 11am, 1:30pm (30-minute hearing max), and 3pm (1 hour between hearings)
 - **MHU:** 8:30am, 11am, 1:30pm (30-minute hearing max), and 3pm (30-40 minutes between hearings)

Documents

Prior to the scheduled JTH, attorneys are responsible for obtaining all necessary signatures and ensuring all parties, including the Court, have all necessary documents. A PDF of the signed documents can be emailed to the Court. Neither the Court nor the jail is responsible for obtaining signatures, making copies, or delivering documents to defendants. Failure to obtain signatures in advance and provide signed copies of all documents may result in a JTH being vacated.